

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed on May 19, 2003. In the office action, the restriction requirement has been made final and therefore, applicants have canceled claims 4 and 13-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants have further canceled claim 2 and added the Formulas 3-7 from claim 2 to independent claims 1 and 3 which, applicants respectfully submit renders these claims allowable for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 2, 5 and 7 have been objected to as not including a period at the end of these claims. Claims 2 and 5 have been canceled and claim 7 has been amended to traverse this objection.

With respect to the rejections based upon the prior art, claims 1-3, 5 and 8-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,580,694 ("Allen"). In response, independent claims 1 and 3 no longer include Formula 2 of the claims as originally filed and recite only claims 3-7 in a Markush group format and therefore exclude Formula 2. As Allen does not teach or suggest any one of Formulas 3-7, applicants respectfully submit that the anticipation rejection based upon Allen, as it so applies to independent claims 1 and 3, is not improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants also note that amended claim 1 is directed toward a photoresist composition which includes an additive and which is intended for a resist flow process. Allen is not directed toward any resist flow process, but only towards deep ultra violet radiation processes and therefore, applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is also allowable over Allen for this additional reason.

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,391,518 ("Jung") in combination with Allen. To traverse this rejection, applicants hereby claim that Jung should be excluded as prior art because both Jung and the present application were commonly owned by a common entity at the time the inventions of Jung and the present application were made.

Specifically, the undersigned, as the authorized agent of the common assignee of both Jung and the present application, hereby states that all disclosed subject matter of Jung and the present application were commonly owned by a common assignee or subject to a

common assignment to said common assignee at the time the inventions of Jung and the present application were made.

Thus, the § 103 rejection which relies upon Jung is now improper and should be withdrawn.

An early action indicating the allowability of the present application is respectfully requested.

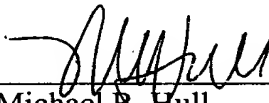
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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